

STEERING, LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

May 2, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Gary Farley
Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner Jeff Jordan
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Steve Sandlin
Commissioner Adam Coggin, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Lisa Nolen
Robert Stevens Jared Barrett
Nell Blankenship Kari Sostrom
Sonya Stephenson Becky Shelton

Chairman Coggin presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FILL ALTERNATE VACANCY ON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Chairman Coggin advised the alternate position of Joe Meshotto on the Board of Zoning Appeals was to be filled. The term expires October, 2012. Applications have been received from Jared Barrett and Velton Jordan. Mr. Barrett was in attendance and addressed the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to nominate both applicants and vote for one. Jared Barrett will be recommended for appointment by unanimous roll call vote."

FILL THREE VACANCIES ON LINEBAUGH LIBRARY BOARD:

Chairman Coggin advised applications had been received from Christie Lee, Nell Blankenship and Kari Sostrom for appointment to the Linebaugh Library Board. Ms. Lee lives in Smyrna and Ms. Sostrom lives in Eagleville so this would be diverse representation on the Board. Ms. Blankenship and Ms. Sostrom were in attendance and addressed the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sandlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Farley, to recommend Christie Lee, Nell Blankenship and Kari Sostrom for appointment to the Linebaugh Library Board. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

FILL VACANCY ON HIGHLAND RIM REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD:

Chairman Coggin advised an application had been received from Nell Blankenship for appointment to the Highland Rim Regional Library Board. Ms. Blankenship addressed the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to recommend the appointment of Nell Blankenship to the Highland Rim Regional Library Board. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

ANNOUNCE VACANCY ON CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER BOARD:

Chairman Coggin announced a vacancy on the Correctional Work Center Board to fill the unexpired term of John Taylor which will expire January, 2012.

THREE STAR PROGRAM:

Mayor Burgess next advised Rutherford County has the Three Star Program in place which has to be updated periodically. A copy of the program will be provided to the Committee via e-mail for discussion next month.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Finance Director Nolan addressed the Committee and presented a proposed Resolution to Establish an Audit Committee for Rutherford County reviewing Section 2 with the Committee. It was suggested "upon recommendation from the Steering Committee" be added to the sentence "The members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the County Commission". Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin, to approve the Resolution as amended adding "upon recommendation from the Steering Committee" to the sentence "The members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the County Commission" and forward the same to the State of Tennessee for approval. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Coggin advised the Committee he had been in discussions with Commissioner Robert Stevens regarding the availability of documents prior to the meetings and what systems are needed to make those documents available and advised this would be an agenda item for a future meeting.

Mayor Burgess advised the timing would have to be discussed. Most items have gone through two committees. It is sometimes difficult for the Budget Committee to have documents ready for dissemination before the day of the Commission meeting. Ms. Nolen advised the documents themselves would be available after the Budget Committee but the minutes and proposed Resolutions are not available until closer to the Commission meeting.

Mayor Burgess advised he hoped to have a system in place by the new Committees in September but money is needed in the budget for I-Pads.

Commissioner Robert Stevens addressed the Committee advising he was surprised when first elected at the number of pages to be reviewed at the Commission.

Commissioner Farley advised he wanted to personally thank the County employees including the Solid Waste Department, Rutherford County Fire & Rescue, the volunteer firefighters, Sheriff's Department and Highway Department for their hard work in the storm damage clean up.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Coggin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

ADAM COGGIN, Chairman